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Lay Off the CIA, Bonior!

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I am deeply distressed by our congressman's vendetta against the CIA. President Carter set out to destroy the effectiveness of the agency by wholesale firings of its agents in the field. Now, Rep. David Bonior is attempting to apply the death blow to the CIA, which is so badly needed by the American people in this period of worldwide terrorism directed against us.

In his speeches during the House debate on aid for the Nicaraguan anti-Communists, Bonior did not once condemn the KGB, the Soviet secret police, which trains terrorists to kill and kidnap U.S. citizens. He aimed his criticism only at the CIA.

Why doesn't Bonior criticize the KGB, which has more than 1,000 spies in the United States and Mexico, working to destroy our freedoms? Why doesn't he criticize the KGB, which has subjugated proud and free peoples from Poland to Cuba and Nicaragua?

Did the CIA train the killers who recently slaughtered seven U.S. citi-

zens in a cafe in El Salvador? Did the CIA train the Shiite murderers of an innocent, unarmed, young U.S. sailor, and then kidnap 39 of our countrymen from a TWA plane? No. The KGB was almost certainly behind these deeds of death and destruction.

Our CIA is not the enemy of the United States. Bonior well knows that the secret police of the Soviet Union and their puppets, Libya and Iran, train the killers who murder our innocent citizens and test our national will; within those borders, one should find the enemy. Yet, our congressman continues to use his position of high trust to harass and undermine our CIA — at the very time when we most need it.

Bonior's lack of criticism of the KGB is appalling. His constant criticism of the CIA is worse than irresponsible.

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